

Defendants MNCI Suit

COLLEGE HILL—Two of defendants have been re-in a civil suit filed last August by Thies, former college Hill safety director, fired after dismissing a local police ser-

on County Common Pleas mas C. Nurre granted a judgment on behalf of lege Hill Police Chief tit and former mayor Jo-

cial entry, formalizing sion, will be made early

leams Thies, in effect, e," explained David Cald- ner city solicitor who i Binder and Pettit.

ing a defendant in the er North College Hill po- William J. Belk.

was fired Feb. 26, 1979, by at action followed Thies' dismiss charges of ne- ty and immoral conduct

lice Sgt. Herbert Buck. ges were brought against tit and other police offi-

alt, Thies stated that his t the Buck case went e wishes of Pettit and

also alleged that on Oct. ollice officer Belk falsely as against Thies for fail- line a dog. Thies was ar- the case later was termi- e safety director's favor.

ng to Thies, his name, and employment were ecause of statements lk and published in local

I. Junewick Jr., attorney said attempts are being eate Belk, who left the e shortly after the suit Action against Belk will despite Nurre's decision

Waste Dump's Founder Resents Governmental Opposition

BY BEN L. KAUFMAN
Enquirer Reporter

Riley Kinman feels ill-used. The folksy scien- tist fears his pioneering efforts to solve haz- ardous waste problems are misunderstood.

"Those of us who have been trying to solve the problem. . . ." Sometimes Kinman is tongue-tied by caution. Candor could make life tougher.

Cautiously, Kinman explains that some- one at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) seems to have it in for him. And he wonders aloud why some local offi- cials want him out of their community.

The latest slight came Monday when OEPA announced it was asking the Ohio Attorney General to prosecute Pristine Inc., the waste-disposal firm Kinman founded and heads in Reading.

OEPA SAID Pristine and neighboring Cincinnati Drum Service Inc. pollute the Mill Creek with deadly chemicals leaking from drums stored on their property, and Pristine fouls the air with incinerator smoke.

"This just galls my soul," he said. "They're still trying to put a black hat on me.

"The City of Reading has never liked us being there," Kinman complained recently.

He's right as far as Police Chief Greg Ho- stluck is concerned. "I want that place cleaned up or shut up," Hostluck said Monday night. "I don't believe they can operate that facility in a safe manner."

Hostluck said he wants three credible assurances before he leaves Pristine alone: that the wastes are not polluting nearby Reading municipal drinking water wells; that pollution draining into the Mill Creek will stop; and that risk of a "devastating explo- sion" is reduced.

Kinman, professor of environmental engineering at the University of Cincinnati, doesn't see himself as a public menace.

"I AM the founder of Pristine. It was my idea. I did it to provide a service. If we make money out of it, well and good, but that re- mains to be seen."

Kinman and his partners anticipated the rush to develop facilities that could recover and recycle industrial wastes, treat them for safe disposal, or incinerate them.

Kinman and his 10 or so fellow investors leased 3½ acres from Cincinnati Drum. Then they bought the abandoned International Minerals Co. sulfuric acid plant on the land for their work.

But while Pristine was developing waste-

handling technology and getting its incinera- tor working, publicity about problems else- where, such as the Chem-Dyne Corp. chemi- cal recycling plant in Hamilton, created public concern about waste disposal facilities, Kinman complained.

There is no way to disguise the estimated 7,000 steel drums that have been stacked at Pristine. Or the 5,000 or so today, some of them empty.

"Drum is a dirty word," he said. "Drum is the trigger word. The drums do look bad, and they always will look bad, and some of them will leak."

PRISTINE HAS moved to minimize such inevitabilities, but it has not done enough for OEPA, he said.

To OEPA, Cincinnati Drum, which recon- ditions used drums, is also guilty of allowing ground water and rain to wash chemicals off and out of the stacked drums into Mill Creek.

"It's a very tough process to handle drums. . . . It's a very nasty, dirty business," Kinman said.

Some wastes can be reclaimed and sold. Others can be treated for a price so that they can be disposed of more safely and cheaply. Others can be burned.

Pristine meant to do all of these. The

company built its own incinerator, which Kinman values at \$1.5 million, but it has had a "lot of shut-downs." OEPA set more strin- gent standards, "and we are in the process of trying to meet them." The state incineration permit expires March 30.

TROUBLESOME, COSTLY materials hand- ling requirements were imposed when Read- ing fire officials judged chemicals awaiting treatment at Pristine should all be treated as flammable.

A lot of the chemicals are not flammable, but "we tend to stack them all together. . . . We have things here that there's no way you can burn them." These include molasses, soy bean oil, etc., he said.

A need for confidentiality handicaps Pristine's candor with Reading officials, Kin- man continued. "We're not about to tell them about every drum. We're protecting our clients."

It didn't help when one overly protective employee threatened to throw a city inspector off the property, Kinman recalled ruefully.

"We never have been cited for any viola- tion" by local air pollution control officials or OEPA, he said, noting that OEPA's action Monday was not a citation.

Hostage Held For 2 Hours; Man Arrested

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Enquirer Reporters

LOCKLAND—A young West End man created a two-hour drama Monday when he held his former girlfriend hostage in a basement apartment here before surrendering to a Hamilton County special weap- ons and tactics (SWAT) team.

Calvin Jones, 19, 221 Wade St., a 1979 alumnus of Withrow High School and former student of the

building as he came in, Kuhlman said. Sharon, who was in the bed- room, locked the door, the officer said, and Gentry, from her apart- ment, called police about 9:45 a.m.

Gentry said she heard Lauren scream and police also heard her scream while Kuhlman waited out- side. Lauren later told officers she covered her head as young Jones struck her twice with the chain. She suffered no apparent in- jury, police said.

Sharon told police she tried to phone police from her bedroom, but Jones shouted, "If you call police, I'll kill you," Kuhlman said.

Instead of calling she pushed a dresser aside, opened a back window of her bedroom and escaped from the basement apartment.

Lockland Chief Gene Robinson and Police Lt. Don Blum arrived and called to the man.

Neighbors Helping In Landfill Fight

HAMILTON—Morgan Township residents opposing the proposed establishment of a landfill in the township got more support Monday from their Butler and Hamilton County neighbors.

The Hamilton County Park Dis- trict, Harrison Township (Hamilton County) trustees and Farm Bureau members in Morgan and Ross Townships (Butler County) joined the fight Monday against the land- fill, which would get sludge from the Hamilton Wastewater Treat- ment Plant.

The landfill would be located on a 130-acre farm off Howards Creek Road, just north of the Hamilton County line.

Butler County commissioners are scheduled to view the proposed landfill site at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Hamilton County Board of Park Commissioners contended the landfill would degrade Dry Fork Creek, described by the board as "one of the few remaining Hamil- ton County streams with high water quality," and expressed concern that the underground water aquifer

serving the area would be contami- nated.

In a letter to Butler County com- missioners, Harrison Township trustees said roads that would be used for hauling sludge are narrow and cross small streams over bridges that are outdated and in need of repair. "Obviously, the use of these roads by heavy vehicles will be dangerous and costly to Hamil- ton County and Harrison Town- ship," the trustees said.

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Two Charged In Wagoning Church